

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
September 20, 2011 Meeting  
1930 EDT  
Kimball Lake Cabins

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Chairman Owen called meeting to order at 1932 EDT.

1. Present were Rob Knight, Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Erick Leadbeater, Tim White, Ron Klemarczyk and Jed Merrow.
2. Minutes of the June 21, 2011 HCC Meeting were approved as written.
3. Phil Brown of NH Audubon has been contacted re:
  - a. Smith Pond Bog beaver problem persists. Lee will check with Phil Brown again.
  - b. Brockway memorandum of understanding still remains with Audubon. Rob checked with Audubon. They have Dorothy Osborne Endowments for \$50,000 for property management and \$50,000 for educational programming at Brockway. It is the interest from these that is to be used yearly.
  - c. Phenological monitoring project re long-term climate change effects on flora and fauna at Brockway. Laura had come to an HCC meeting in the spring re this. Where does this study stand? Jed will check with Laura Deming.
4. Misc. notices received by chair were circulated and discussed. UNH; Scenic By-Way Council – Ron has talked with them; Contoocook and North Branch Rivers looking for donations for stream testing equipment. Tim White will contact them re equipment needs; Municipal Law Lecture Series; Letter re survey of Barry Conservation Camp attendees in 2008. Erick will check.
5. HCC Treasurers Report. July, August and September 2011. All looks OK. Time to submit 2012 HCC Budget. Possible future expenses were discussed. Commission members felt the CC operating budget should cover more of its annual expenses. However, considering budget constraints, CC members proposed that as a minimum we request \$250 to cover the Town Of Hopkinton's NHACC annual dues.
6. Signs for Bohanan parking and trails were discussed. Rob will report back.
7. Fiona Delisle attended the Barry Conservation Camp, this summer. HCC would like to invite her to the October 18, 2011 HCC meeting to report on her camp experience. Lee will contact her and her parents.
8. Rob reports that the Rice Lot baseline survey has been done. Rollins Lot baseline survey is done also. Discussion re money for Stewardship Fee and transaction fee of \$7,500 each. This money goes to Five Rivers. Ron has checked the language of the original bonding for both the Rice and Rollins Lots. Ron made the motion (and it was passed) that \$15,000 be spent from the HCC Conservation Fund for the Stewardship Fee for the Rice and Rollins lots to be paid to Five Rivers Conservation Trust. (Rob Knight of FRCT, recused himself from this vote.)

9. Invasive Plant Project (IPP). HCC met 6/27/11 and traveled to four Town Conservation parcels to assess invasive species. Spraying will need to be done to control some species/areas. Erick will check on spraying license.
10. Bohanan trail work took place July 10, 2011.
11. Question re Selectmen minutes of 6/20/11, item #I. d: Timber Warrant \$3,730.31? Ron will check.
12. Jed described the map of Conservation Lands in the Town, proposed to appear on the Town's HCC website. He recommended links from our website to other conservation lands within the Town. Tim reports that website progress is being made according to a Sept. 14 email from Lucia.
13. Ron anchored bridges on Ransmeier Lot and Kimball Lake Lot prior to *TS Irene*. Several trails needed clearing after that. Tim made a motion (and it was passed) to reimburse Ron for metal stakes used to anchor said bridges - \$10.47.
14. Todd Aubertin called Ron re West Hopkinton Pit. Entire lot has been cleared and wetlands have been "destroyed". That lot will become a Town Conservation Lot after any gravel the Town Highway Department has been removed.

Meeting adjourned at 2015 EDT. Next meeting is Tuesday October 18, November 15, and December 20, 2011, 1930 EDT. @ HMS.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Wilder